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get more promises out of our Governor than we have in all our years in the state Legislature. Governor Exon told Susie he would be at the Easter Seal's Camp Kiwanis to visit her next summer. The Governor also signed a proclamation for Susie and I'd like to read that to you at this time.

"Whereas the Nebraska Easter Seal Society for crippled children and adults has spent nearly \$109,000 for direct service to handicapped Nebraskans during the past year and whereas the Nebraska Easter Seal Society offers a vast program of services including transportation to special schools and medical centers, the rental and purchase of hospital equipment, such as, braces, wheelchairs, and beds, the purchase of hearing aids, and physical and speech therapy, and the Nebraska Easter Seal Society operates a unique summer resident camp for crippled children and adults and the Nebraska Easter Seal Society works to remove architectural barriers from public buildings, offers scholarships to students in health fields, and supports research to prevent crippled diseases...diseases. Now, therefore, I, J. James Exon, Governor of the state of Nebraska, do hereby proclaim March 1 through April 22, 1973 as Easter Seal Campaign time, and I proclaim Susie Shemek of Columbus, Nebraska, the official 1973 Nebraska Easter Seal child and I ask all Nebraskans to join me in helping the Easter Seal Society to continue its work to serve the handicapped Nebraskans. And with this, whereof, I have caused the great seal of Nebraska to be affixed. J. J. Exon, Governor attest, Allen J. Beermann, Secretary of State." Thank you, let's give Susie a big hand.

SPEAKER: Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. Speaker, I arise to point a personal privilege. I would like to point out to this body that this young lady from Columbus in Senator Nore's district is the recipient, a beneficiary of the LB 102 and 102A that you so generously passed this morning. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Thank you, Senator Savage. Will the escort committee please escort Susie and her parents from the Chamber. Now we will continue with the discussion of LB 243. Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, first getting back to a question that was asked just a little while ago. As to the qualifications of the Director of Health, as far as the statutes go I do recall that there was a bill. An attempt was made to allow anyone to be the Director whether or not he had been a graduate of a recognized School of Medicine. However, I believe that bill was either defeated in committee or on the floor. I can't remember which. Action was taken in 1969 to set the salary at \$30,000 and I believe that was the end result of that particular action. The Section 71-2609 requires the Director of Health be a graduate of a recognized School of Medicine, be licensed to practice his profession in the state of Nebraska and have special training in public health work and have such other qualifications as the State Board of Health shall prescribe. The 1972 session of the Legislature did not amend that and this is the '71 revised statute, so I'm quite certain that those qualifications are still in there. I, also, want to say that I'm in favor of LB 243. I sat on the Committee that heard the arguments previously to doing this thing and I feel that it would be an injustice to have this one position be the only position of Executive officers in the state of Nebraska that do not have this privilege to have the Board set the salary. As Senator Carpenter so well put it, that if we don't have this flexibility in obtaining the kind of people we need, we are just going to come in second rate, third, or fourth rate on all of these appointments.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes.